(b) to (d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to devise various methods and take concrete steps to curb left wing extremist activities in the States. However, keeping in view the overall dimensions of left wing extremist activities in some States, a high level Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the seriously affected States, as its members, regularly reviews and coordinates steps taken by the States to check left extremist activities, monitors the plan of action in respect of each State and makes recommendations both on development and security aspects of the problem.

Several important decisions such as providing financial support from the Centre for combating left wing extremist activities, preparation of plans for development of affected areas to tackle the problem in a holistic manner, sharing of intelligence inputs, and providing assistance of para military forces on need basis etc. have been taken by the Centre and effectively followed-up.

Under the Scheme of reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure, an amount of Rs. 80.37 crores has been reimbursed to the concerned state Governments. Financial assistance has also been provided under Modernisation of State Police Forces Scheme to upgrade the weaponry, equipment, training etc. of the State Police forces.

Foreigners living in India since 1954

4006. MISS FRIDA TOPNO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the number of foreigners continuously living in India since 1954;

(b) whether some of them have applied for Indian Citizenship;

(c) whether Government are aware that some of the individuals who have been born in undivided India and living in India since 1954 have not been granted citizenship;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what action Government propose to take in case a particular foreign country disowns its citizens who are living in India since 1954 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) A foreigner is required to make an application for grant of Indian citizenship. The powers to grant citizenship to a person of Indian origin

were vested in the collector of the district till 31-3-1986. Thereafter, every such application is considered by the Central Government, as and when received through the State Government, in accordance with the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955. This is an ongoing process.

(c) The Government takes a view in each case on merits and as per the provisions of the Foreigners Act, 1946.

Criticism of India by Commission on Human Rights

4007. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH :

SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India came under harsh criticism during the 57th Session of the Commission on Human Rights for failing to curb trafficking of women and girls and rising violence against women;

(b) if so, whether the Indian security forces were also criticised for acts of violence against women in the so-called disturbed areas;

(c) if so, what are the other recommendations made by the Commission; and

(d) what steps the Union Government propose to take for curbing trafficking in women ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Increasing misuse of foreign funds by various bodies

4008. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA' : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the misue of foreign funds received by various bodies in the countries is increasing;

(b) if so, reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government proposes to issue fresh guidelines for controlling such inflow of foreign funds; and

(d) if so, details thereof ?